

WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES BRANCH
October 19, 2018

3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools Project: To date, 99 sample containers have been sent to 14 schools for the collection of samples with additional containers expected to be sent to schools in late-October. The Houston Environmental Laboratory has received 98 drinking water samples for lead analysis from 14 schools and of those, has reported data for 37 samples from 7 schools. The Laboratory is providing analytical services for the 3Ts (Training, Testing, Telling) for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools Project with an estimated 1,000 samples to be collected from drinking water fountains at 85 schools for lead analysis. **Christy Warren 281-983-2137**

Samples Analyzed and Final Analytical Reports: The Houston Laboratory analyzed and provided final analytical reports for:

- 54 liquid samples for semi-volatiles (low level) from the Texarkana Wood Preserving site located in Texas; and
- 35 liquid samples for MBT analysis from the Craft Turney site located in Texas.

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Contract Laboratory Program (CLP) Analysis and Data Review: The Houston Environmental Laboratory provided oversight of analysis, data review, and the final validation report for 2 sample delivery groups from the Grants Chlorinated Solvents site. A total of 28 water samples were analyzed for Volatiles. The Houston Environmental Laboratory scheduled 2 samples for Dioxin/Furan analysis from the SBA Shipyard site. **Myra Perez & Raymond Flores 281-983-2139**

Drinking Water Certification Audit - Arkansas Department of Health: October 15 – 19, Houston's Environmental Laboratory conducted a drinking water certification audit of the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) Laboratory, Little Rock, Arkansas. The audit is a triennial on-site evaluation conducted to determine if the laboratory meets the criteria for certification. Certification is necessary for the laboratory to analyze compliance samples under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Houston Environmental Laboratory will issue an audit report to ADH within 45 days of the last day of the audit. Certification will be granted if corrective actions to the audit findings are acceptable. **Marvelyn Humphrey (281) 983-2140**

Regional Science & Technology (RS&T): RS&T Directors conducted their monthly meeting with agenda items presented and discussed including: Chain of Custody Lean project overview; Environmental Methods Forum suggestions for high-level regional representatives for leadership team; Chemical Warfare Agent update and next steps; and, proposed Laboratory Services & Applied Science Division realignment status. **Wes McQuiddy 214-665-6722**

FUTURE EVENTS

Nov 5-9 Audit – Conducted by Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water on Houston Environmental Laboratory Drinking Water Laboratory Certification Program, Houston, TX